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Maryland General Assembly
Members of the Judiciary Committee
Annapolis, MD

RE: HB 704 – Firearms – Tracking Technology

Dear Delegates,

We oppose HB 704 and respectfully request that you vote against it.

This bill is a violation of privacy rights.

There is a Federal law, passed many years ago, that prohibits the formation of a firearm database. This law supports and defends the U.S. Constitution and protects individual rights to privacy.

The passage of this proposed legislation is in direct violation of the U.S. and Maryland Constitutions.

In addition, National Shooting Sports Foundation's general counsel, Larry Keane, commented on (Delegate) Queen's push to track firearms, [saying](#), "Not only is this a clear invasion of privacy rights and Constitutional protections against illegal search-and-seizure, this is an idea that's not even technologically possible. This is the stuff of Hollywood — and antigun politicians that don't understand the first thing about firearms or manufacturing processes."

[Here is an article](#) by the National Shooting Sports Foundation that explains more about why this is a bad bill.

Please vote against it.

Sincerely,

Christine Hunt and Jay Crouthers